

# The Church of God Evangel

"And when the day of Pentecost was fully come they were all with one accord in one place." Acts 2:1. "And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance." Acts 2:4.

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## We Must March Upward to The Full Standard in Everything !

### What Great Things are Ahead of us Now For Our Consideration And Execution !

#### A CALL TO ACTION

Never Stop Till Every Detail of Organization is Completed.

The Lord Wants Men Who Will Obey Promptly.

When Abraham was told to go away from his home and people, he did not know all the details of his journey, but he did not tarry around home because he did not know where to go. "By faith Abraham, when he was called to go out into a place which he should after receive for an inheritance, obeyed; and he went out, not knowing whither he went." (Heb. 11:8)

Abraham's obedience and experience is often referred to as a wise thing for him to do, but I'm afraid it is not considered wise for people to act in that way in these days. I see no reason why such a call to action now is not just as good for us as for him. He had God's approval, and God was certainly with him in all of his travels although it was a long time before he knew where God intended for him to make his home.

If we had waited till we had all of the details concerning the Church of God made known it would not have been started yet. But, like faithful Abraham, we ventured out not knowing the road except a very little to start with. We knew salvation as far as sanctification, but we knew almost nothing of the government. But, like the waters of the Jordan parted as the Israelites went forward, the Scriptures opened to our understanding as we pressed our way in the right direction.

We heard a call to action, and we went at it without knowing. If we had seen the last great Assembly in vision seventeen years ago I guess it would have frightened us. If we had dreamed of it at that time we would have looked upon the dream as nothing. If we had waited to start the Evangel till we had a ten thousand dollar printing plant and ten thousand subscriptions it would not have been started yet. If we had waited to get thirty thousand dollars in our hands to build the great auditorium we would not have had any place for the Assembly this year.

There is now a call to action, but if our people are going to wait to see the results and understand all the details before they move, the year will close before they get started. But we are not of that kind of material. We are ready for action, and we are ready for action now. Only let us know what is wanted and we are on the job. I could not feel free to make any move toward a preparation to print the Evangel and other literature in Spanish until the Assembly gave the orders to do so, but now already we have the plans partially matured and an order placed for the necessary equipment with only one dollar to start with, and this dollar was given by sister Ella Simmons of Wilmauna, Fla.

I am sure that thousands of people will rejoice over this little bit of news. When the Evangel was first started there was not even a penny given to start with, but now there is one dollar in the treasury to help start this new enterprise. This is quite remarkable. It gives me much courage, and tonight I feel inspired to push this on as rapidly as possible. And by means of this enterprise it will call into action a host of workers to

carry this Spanish literature among the Spanish speaking people. And this means another call to action.

When I have the great Assembly back of me I am not afraid of anything. I confess I was afraid to commence the Evangel at first and I held it off quite a while with a hope that some other way would open so I would not have to take any hand in it. But when I was pressed into it I turned loose and went into it with all my heart and soul. I did not know like I know now. I have been over the road that has been a reality and not a mere myth. I do not yet know the future, but I do not stop because the future is veiled from my view. There is a call to action and I must move on.

I am giving some of my experience and you can make the application to yourselves. You are called to action with as much force as I am. The call is to you as well as to me. I have just as much right to back down and refuse to go forward as you do. Suppose I had refused to act when the publishing committee selected me for editor and publisher! Would I have been worthy of any honor? Would the good love messages have reached the tens-of-thousands of homes during the ten years of its existence? Would my efforts in other kinds of work for the Master have been worth anything? You had just as well ask yourself the same kind of questions if you should refuse to act when the call to action comes distinct to your ears.

Where would we have been to-day if we had all balked and refused to act when the tithing system was ordered by the Assembly? Some did balk and refused to comply with the requirements of the Assembly and where are they today? What have they tried to do? How did some of them undertake to bring disgrace and ruin upon the General Overseer and his noble wife who has faithfully stood by him in all the hard places that no body else knows anything about? What have they gained by their destructive methods? Their names are almost forgotten. Once on the platform of every Assembly, taking part in the deliberations and were principle speakers on the program, but they are now rather in the pits they dug for others while the Church of God rolls on without them.

There is a call to action. This means a call to every member and not just a few. This means you as well as me. You can refuse to act if you will, but what will you gain by it when you do? What have others gained? That is surely enough to cause you to push on now. When the Assembly has taken action on a matter the only safe way for us to do is to go into it with all our heart.

The publishing committee has chosen this humble servant again for editor and publisher for another year. What if he should rebel and not do it? When the Assembly selected F. J. Lee, T. S. Payne, M. S. Lemons, A. J. Lawson and Geo. T. Brouayer for the publishing committee the Assembly had full confidence in them, but

suppose they had refused to attend to their business and let the Evangel go, do you suppose they would hold their standing in the great Church of God? Well, suppose you fail, in performing your duties, will it be any better for you? Can you refuse to do your part and hold your standing? I tell you, there is a call to action and you are just as much responsible in your place as I am in mine.

There is a call now to have a Sunday-school in every local church. What are you going to do about it? Are you going to drift along and not help in this important work? You who are members in places where there are no Sunday-schools—I am now appealing to you for an answer. Are you going to raise an objection, or refuse to help us as we enter the campaign that is bound to stir things during the coming year? If you do object and refuse to help, where will you be this time next year? Tell me please! Measure yourselves by others who have refused and see how you feel about it. But away down in my soul I believe I shall have your co-operation when we get ready for action on this particular work. You will be ready, won't you? I fancy I hear a multitude of voices saying, Yes, I am ready, only give me the orders and I'll do my best. All right, beloved ones, I thank you already for your help.

Now, I take it that you are ready, but we cannot accomplish anything without good organization, then we must never stop till every detail of organization is completed. A few years ago the Assembly decided that every local church should be carefully and judiciously organized so that every member would have the proper care and protection. This was to be done by dividing the members in classes or bands with a watcher or leader over them similar to the plan adopted in the Church in the wilderness when they had captains over thousands, captains over hundreds, captains over fifties, and captains over tens. The Assembly wanted us to supply the captains over tens.

This has been done by many of the churches. These leaders were selected by the pastors and his deacons or helpers. Each helper or captain has the names and addresses of the members of his class. Those he cannot see often he writes to them and keeps in close touch with them. In this way no one is forgotten. It is also expected that this leader call his class together occasionally to pray together. Some have these class meetings every week and they have proved a great blessing to many.

The Assembly has passed this order long ago, and now the Elders in Council have called upon me to see that every local church is organized according to the provisions made by the Assembly. I therefore, appeal to every overseer and pastor to lend your assistance and help me in this important work. Will you refuse now to give me aid? Are you going to say this is too much trouble and "red-tape"? No, of course you will not, because you know too well what becomes of men and women who refuse to carry out the orders of the Assembly. I am just as sure of your help in this matter as the Assembly was of the help of the publishing committee when they selected them at the Fifteenth Annual Assembly. I am just as sure of the help of every minister and church in this thing as the publishing committee is of the editor and publisher they

selected. I am depending upon you and I know you will not disappoint me. I am fully expecting every local church to be fully and carefully organized under the above mentioned plan inside of thirty days. No reason to think otherwise. If there is any church or pastor that does not know how to affect this organization call upon your overseer. It is his business to give you all the necessary aid you need. And it will be the duty of the district and state overseers to never stop till every detail of organization is completed.

I am sure, and you are sure, that the Lord wants men who will obey promptly. As soon as sufficient time is given for the completion of this work we will have some special work for each church to do, in carrying into effect some more of the orders of the Assembly. This will be in connection with the Sunday-school interests and other things that I will not name now.

I tell you, my dearly beloved, my heart is bent on obeying the orders of the Assembly in every detail, and if I call upon you to assist me you cannot do otherwise than heartily respond. This must be the greatest year of our lives. There must be no disloyalty. There must be no rebellion. I am not expecting to hear of any. The rebels have all disappeared. We are now a loyal host filled with the Holy Ghost marching on to the highest standard of perfection marked out by our blessed old Bible. The Holy Ghost is in the lead, and the members are on the run and what will be done by such a loyal host this year will be an amazement to all the world that have their eyes set upon us watching our every move.

The last Assembly has put the people outside our ranks to studying. The train loads of people that came stirred up an interest at almost every railroad station they passed. Next year they may be still more amazed when they see special cars and special trains loaded with people bound for the great Assembly running through the land having streamers and banners and big letters on the sides of the cars on white canvass, "Bound for the Assembly," "The 16th Annual Assembly of the Church of God," "On the road to Cleveland to the Assembly," and perhaps other appropriate words and titles.

These are indeed wonderful days, and it is our time to work. No time for idleness. No time for play. We must hurry up and get the organization complete so we can hurry on with the other work. If you will all stand by your General Overseer as faithfully as the Fifteenth Annual Assembly did, you will see something accomplished this year worth while. We do not expect any slackers. We expect no wirepulling or factions. He who undertakes such a move will be defeated and put down into disgrace. God is not going to put up with mockers and rebels much longer. His work has to be done, and it has to be done in a hurry.

The new tithe system ordered by the Assembly is to be put into operation just as soon as we can get ready for the change at headquarters. This is going to be a great thing and I feel in my bones that God is in it and this means that every church, every treasurer and every member and minister will fall right into line when the word is given. I never heard of such loyal people as the members of the Church of God. Their very life blood that courses through their veins is

impregnated with fidelity and saturated with the true blue loyalty that surpasses anything on the pages of history.

I am looking for a land-slide of spirituality and an ocean wave of salvation this year. True loyalty and perfect fidelity will bring just such an outpouring that people have been praying for for years. It will remind one of the book of Acts and the glory of heaven that only the Bible describes. It is now far past midnight, and my whole being is freighted with the love of God and love for the entire membership as well as the multitudes that are looking this way. I tell you, my soul seems to be almost aflame with holy fire. What does this mean? I do not know unless the fire of loyalty and love is burning in the hearts of all our people and God is letting me feel a part of it here while seated in my little sanctum watching over your souls while you sleep.

I am made to exclaim, Is this really love! If it is not love, then I do not know what to name it. I believe you all love me and I know I love you much more than I can express. I feel that we will work together this year in a manner so harmoniously that it will amaze the inhabitants of two worlds. I cannot tell you all now, but look out for everything that will follow week after week. This is a call to action, and we do not expect to make one little stir and quit, but we expect to make one big stir and never quit. You will help me I know. Oh, how I love you! My breast seems about to burst with love. The Assembly, Oh, the Assembly! What it has done for us is invaluable. The work it has laid out for us is immense, but not so great but what we can do everything required. I can do my little part and you can do yours, and then it is done. And what the results and harvest will be is not even to be imagined.

Come, my dearly beloved, my joy and my crown, be on the watchout and listen for the call to action and be ready to move at the first call. I believe you will catch the spell that is on me tonight. Hallelujah!

#### A SACRIFICE ACCEPTABLE

Ida McCoy

Leviticus 1:1-3 speaks of a sacrifice of the herd, a male without blemish. He shall offer it of his own voluntary will. It must be the first, it must be the best, not something we can not use or do not need. God does not want our little fragments of time that we are idle. He wants our choice time. When we are busiest let us take time to go to meeting and give until we can feel it—the more we sacrifice, the greater the blessing.

Aaron and his sons would have refused a lame or sick or one-horned or any other refuse of the flock or herd, so we need not expect very much more until we meet conditions and strengthen our stakes and obey. If each member of the Church of God would make a sacrifice of some of the good things they eat and drink and send the money to the paper or building fund it would soon be out of debt and be like it was one time when the people gave so willingly and freely that it was not needed and they were stopped.

Come on, dear brothers and sisters, and let us see how many can or will make a real sacrifice—one we can feel. Let us do without some of the good things for awhile until the strain is over. Remember it

must be willingly, voluntary on our part, to be acceptable, not to be seen or heard of men but humbly as unto the Lord. We do not want this to become a burden to our General Overseer. Let all help lift the load together. How easy to quit drinking postum or coffee or leave off that ice cream or any other sacrifice of extravagance. I know it is not very much but it will count up after awhile. I have had this on my mind for some time, surely it will help some one. Let us all strive to do our best. Some are already giving to their utmost ability and God will reward them abundantly. God bless them. Let us make haste, our King's business requires haste. God bless every one who is faithful.

#### A GOOD REVIVAL

Dear Brother Tomlinson, and All the Lovers of Holiness—Greetings:

We have just closed a two weeks meeting at Fork, S. C. with good results. The church was wonderfully built up and all the members were greatly encouraged. Ten were saved, six sanctified, three received the Holy Ghost, and three were added to the church, a large number to follow the Lord in water baptism.

Even the sinners expressed themselves as being delighted with the meeting and we had good order at all times. The song service was conducted by Brother W. B. Cobb and wife of South Ga., assisted by a choir of good singers. The music was inspiring and the organ was played under the power of God at different times. Sister Cobb and myself did most of the preaching. Sister McHargue was with us part of the time and did some good preaching. The Lord was with us in every service.

Brother and Sister Cobb rendered faithful service and made many friends while here in our midst. We want them with us again. I enjoyed the privilege of being in several street services in the nearby towns and it made me want to hurry over the earth with this gospel as I saw the throngs of people gathering around us to hear the singing and playing. This is a needy field and the people are anxious to hear the beautiful truths of holiness.

Humbly your brother for the Master's service and the wonderful Church of God,  
Harry Whittington.

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#### The Lord Instantly Healed

Dear Brother Tomlinson—Greeting in Jesus' Name:  
I am praising God this afternoon for His wonderful saving and keeping power and for saving, sanctifying and filling me with the blessed Holy Ghost. I praise Him for His healing power. I got some red seal lye in my eye and was almost blind. I had lost all hopes of my eye getting well but I called for the church to pray for me and the Lord healed me instantly. He has healed me of my diseases many times. I praise the Lord for the little paper as the sermons have done me so much good. Pray that I may get closer to the Lord and be able to do something for Him and pray that my husband will be saved. Your sister in Christ,  
Mrs. Bessie Baxter.  
207½ Market St., Parkersburg, W. Va.



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We have now started in for  
another year in the Master's  
work.

If you want to write to S. J.  
Heath and wife address them  
R. 2, Hazlehurst, Ga.

E. Haynes and wife wish to  
notify their friends that mail  
will reach them through the  
Evangel Office.

The new song books are sell-  
ing rapidly at 30c each, \$3.00  
per dozen, \$11.25 per fifty, and  
\$20.00 per hundred post paid.

The pledges for the Orphan-  
age and Auditorium made a  
year ago should all be paid in  
at once. Every dollar is needed.

The Orphanage will open in  
a few days. Already we have ac-  
cepted three for the home and  
keeping them in our own home  
till we get the orphan house  
ready.

We want our friends to know  
that the loan department is still  
open and we hope our people will  
loan us all their surplus money  
to use for the Church of God  
while they do not need it. We  
pay the same rate of interest,  
when wanted, that banks pay  
on time deposits. Quite a  
number are glad to loan their  
money without interest, but we  
do not ask it.

We were only required to  
purchase 250 tickets and cer-  
tificates in order to get the re-  
duced rates on the rail-roads to  
the Assembly, and the secretary  
informed me that he signed 601.  
This is quite a boost for us and  
the railroad officials say that if  
we can get a thousand they  
will make the fare still less. We  
can surely do this next year.

We are prepared to furnish  
six different views of the Audi-  
torium, both inside and out for  
55c each post paid. If you want  
these photographs let us have  
the order at once so we can get  
through with this part of the  
business.

The overseers and ministers  
are hurrying around making  
their changes and getting ready  
for their year's work. We are  
pleased to see the zeal, energy  
and courage that are displayed  
among the workers. We are ex-  
pecting great things this year.

The financial system will go  
on as it has been until notice is

given from headquarters for the  
change. It will take a few days  
to make the necessary prepara-  
tions to handle the work, but  
we promise to hurry up about  
the matter as fast as possible  
as our people seem to be in a  
hurry to get the new system  
into working order. The people  
seem to be greatly delighted  
with the change ordered by the  
Assembly.

When you order Sunday-  
school literature please remem-  
ber that the prices have advanc-  
ed one cent on cards, leaves,  
and quarterlies, and the price  
of the large picture is \$1.25. We  
regret very much to do this, but  
the advanced cost has compell-  
ed us to do it. This advance  
price takes effect immediately.  
See prices in another column.

## Wants Her Light to Brightly Shine

Dear Evangel Family—Greet-  
ings in Jesus Dear Name:  
I thank the Lord for saving  
me years ago, later He sancti-  
fied me. I can truly say that  
since that time I have learned  
more about God's plan than  
ever before.

I am living where I can not  
be with holiness people very  
often.

I want to ask every person  
who reads to pray that God  
will help me to live so close to  
Him and let my light shine so  
brightly that people will see  
that this is the only way.

Pray that my children will  
be saved.

Your sister under the blood,  
L. R. Hill,  
Jasper, Ala.

## Has Real Salvation

Dear Saints Abroad:

I want to praise God for real  
salvation from sin. I am sav-  
ed, sanctified and filled with  
the precious Holy Ghost. I  
thank and praise Him for add-  
ing me to the Church of God,  
the pillar and ground of the  
truth. I praise Him because I  
have more faith, power, joy  
and freedom since I came in  
the Church of God.

I praise Him because He  
makes me willing to suffer till  
He heals me and because He  
makes me willing to pay tithes.  
I thank Him for the people who  
have brought the true gospel  
to our country.

Pray that I will be kept hum-  
ble and for my wife to be sav-  
ed and added to the church,  
also that our children may be  
taught the right way.

Your weak brother,  
Carl R. Hodges.

## Has Place in Church of God

To All the Dear Saints—Greet-  
ing in Jesus' Dear Name:

I have just been reading the  
dear little Evangel and oh, how  
my cup ran over when I read  
Brother Tomlinson's piece.  
Praise God, I sure want to be  
one in the number that makes  
the round trip to heaven and  
back. Thank God!

I am praising God because  
He saved me from sin, sancti-  
fied and filled me with the  
blessed Holy Ghost. Praise the  
dear Lord! I am so glad that  
I ever heard of and found this  
highway of holiness, and for  
my place in the dear old Church  
of God. I have been trusting  
the Lord for both soul and  
body for about seven years.

I have four children in this  
true way of holiness. Pray that  
we may ever stand true to God  
and be ready when He comes  
or calls. Pray that my unsav-  
ed children will see the light  
on the dear Church of God and  
come into the fold before it is  
too late. O, how I love the dear  
saints!

Your sister in Jesus,  
Mrs. Martha J. Marcum.  
Birmingham, Ala.

## Report, Belmont, N. C.

Dear Readers of the Evangel:  
I want to sound a note of  
praise for the Lord has been so  
good to me in the past.

The Lord did bless Brother  
Messer in the meeting at Bel-  
mont. He did more good than  
any preacher that has been  
here. There were good crowds  
and good order. About thirty  
were saved, fifteen sanctified,  
seven received the Holy Ghost,  
twenty-eight were added to the  
church and ten were baptized  
in water. About 1500 or 2000

people were at the river.

Well, praise the Lord, the  
church will rise and shine in  
spite of all the opposing powers.  
A Baptist and Methodist  
preacher went down into the  
water to help and they were  
baptized also. The people  
bought Brother Messer's tent  
to hold services in.

C. F. McCarn.

## Praying for More Faith and Power

Dear Brothers and Sisters:

I want to stand up and praise  
the merciful Saviour for ap-  
plying the blood to my heart.  
If He will reach out and save  
such a man as I have been He  
will save you also.

While attending service held  
under canvass in Paulding Co.,  
north Ga., services were con-  
ducted by Brother W. R. Had-  
sock and wife and Brother  
Bostwick, the Lord began to  
work with my heart and I went  
up to be prayed for. It is won-  
derful and I am praising God  
daily for His mercy. He saved  
me and I am living in the faith  
and praying for more faith and  
power.

I want all the good brothers  
and sisters to pray for me that I  
may receive the Holy Ghost. I  
am seeking Him daily. May God  
be with us all the way.

Your loving brother,  
Wm. D. Bowers, Dallas, Ga.

## DUTY CALLS

J. A. Davis

There are many who are be-  
ing called to the battle front to  
help fight this great battle for  
God and some fail to go and  
stay at home with wife and  
children. They let the affairs  
of this life come between them  
and God, they fail to obey the  
great call of God to the field  
and they soon look lean faced  
and sad, and the next thing  
they are back in the world.  
Duty calls and we must go,  
not be slow but in a hurry for  
the time is short. Jesus said,  
"I must work the works of him  
that sent me, while it is day:  
the night cometh, when no man  
can work." John 9:4.

The night will soon be here  
when we will have to lay down  
our arms and go to meet the  
Lord in the air. Glory, Glory. I  
feel the power all over me that  
will propel us through the air  
to meet the Lord in that day  
when the trumpet shall sound.  
Let us get busy, young and old,  
we all have a duty to perform  
and it is an awful thing to  
neglect duty. There are many  
ways to neglect duty, if we ne-  
glect to go to Sunday school or  
prayer meeting or any thing in  
the way of serving the Lord, it  
hurts us, it causes us to lose  
victory and joy. It also hurts  
us naturally, we lose money  
many times by being careless  
concerning our duty and it is  
the same in spiritual things.  
Many preachers leave their  
families for months at a time  
to carry this wonderful gospel  
to the lost. Why do we go? Be-  
cause duty calls and we must  
go. Many young men went to  
war when they would have rather  
stay at home but duty called.  
They marched into the  
ranks and took their places at  
the front and many died for the  
sake of their country. If they  
could do that and many of  
them did it willingly, can we  
not march to the front of God's  
battle, leave our homes for a  
little while to do something for  
God? The devil tries to make  
us believe our families will  
starve if we go out to preach,  
but it is our duty to seek to be  
soul winners and be useful in  
the service of the Lord.

Is it the parents duty to send  
their children to Sunday-  
school? No, but go and take  
them and see that they keep  
quiet in the service.

Dear saints, this is a critical  
time, the devil is working with  
all his might and the church is  
having the greatest test she  
has ever had. I am sorry to  
know that there are some who  
are being deceived and led a-  
round by rebels against the  
Church of God and carried into  
man made creeds. Duty is call-  
ing and we are all needed on  
the field. Some are to watch  
while others build, like Nehem-  
iah's men. Why did Nehemiah  
undertake the great work of  
building the walls of Jerusalem?

Beause God had called him to  
this great work, therefore it be-  
came his duty and it was his  
duty to stay there and keep  
the work going on. Yes, and  
he did. His enemies were rag-  
ing and trying to get him to  
quit but he didn't run away  
from the work that God had  
given him to do. When the dev-  
il rises against some and the  
things don't go to suit them  
and everybody don't pet them,  
they become sullen. May God  
help the preachers and lay  
members who stay away from  
service because things don't go  
to suit them. Why don't they  
perform their duty in service;  
get blessed and built up and  
keep their eyes off of other  
folks and pray for folks  
that they think are in error for  
we are taught in the precious  
Word to pray one for another,  
therefore it is our duty.

The pastor's duty is to feed  
the flock, not hit them over the  
head with abusive and cutting  
words but preach with love and  
tenderness. The pastor should  
always be on time and meet his  
members with some cheering  
words. If some of his members  
tattle and talk about each other,  
he should not help them  
but rather reprove them. I once  
knew a pastor who would talk  
about his members to some  
other members and he never a-  
mounted to anything, his work  
was all in vain.

The duty of the deacon is to  
look after the welfare of the  
church and to look after sick  
folks and to investigate griev-  
ances. The Church of God is  
like a bee hive, they have a  
head ruler that keeps every-  
thing straight. There are no  
idle bees allowed to live in the  
hive, no dwarfs, no sickly ones  
but all are busy and each one  
performing his duty. Some  
make comb, others make hon-  
ey in the comb, some feed lit-  
tle ones and some watch the  
mouth of the gum as they are  
put there as a guard to watch  
for an enemy. Many times other  
insects will come and try to  
rob them but they find a guard  
at the entrance and they can't  
get in, that is, when the hive is  
good and strong, but they are  
overpowered when they are  
weak and especially when there  
is no ruler in the hive. If it  
takes government with one ruler  
at the head and other offi-  
cers under him even the little  
bee hive, how much more in  
the great Church of God? Thank  
God, we have it and are  
going to practice it and let the  
devil charge as much as he  
pleases. There are four classes  
of bees in a hive, the king,  
drones, guard and the working  
class, so the church has its  
General Overseer, state over-  
seers and district overseers.  
Like the bee hive it has its  
head ruler, then the guards un-  
der him to protect the hive,  
but notice the head ruler in  
the hive never leaves the gum  
but the guards play around the  
gum where they can have com-  
munication with the head and  
give the alarm when anything  
harmful approaches from the  
outside. It is the same way in  
the church, the overseers or  
guards have a great deal to  
face in these days. They must  
be on the watch so they can  
give the alarm when any thing  
harmful approaches from the  
outside and we must work just  
as systematically as the bees in  
the bee hive. Among the work-  
ing class of the bees, we notice  
that some make comb, some  
put the honey in the comb,  
some carry wax, some carry  
water and some carry bee  
bread. It is the same way with  
the church, some are pastors,  
some are teachers, evangelists,  
deacons or lay members but all  
have a duty to perform and no  
one has any time to lose. Ev-  
eryone can do something for  
God from the least to the  
greatest. Many times the  
preachers' wives cannot go with  
them on the field but they can  
stay at home and shine out the  
glory and pray for their hus-  
bands on the field.

Never say you cannot do any-  
thing for there is something  
you can do. Duty calls every  
one that knows God, we should  
abide in our calling as the  
Word of God tells us to and live  
the life, then we will not dread  
to see conference come for we  
will know that we have done  
our duty. It is a very serious  
thing to turn members out of

the church but duty calls those  
in authority to do so, there-  
fore we do it with delight.  
Should we wait until we are  
driven or forced to perform our  
duty? If we do we will receive  
no reward. Many times we  
have to do things that do not  
seem pleasant but duty binds  
us to do it. Can we be happy  
and neglect the duty we owe  
to God? No, it makes us feel  
miserable, wretched and sad. I  
have seen folks who failed to  
do their duty that God had put  
upon them, go around with a  
long, sad expression on their  
faces. If to be disobedient  
brings such an expression on  
our faces here, how would we  
look at the judgment.

Lord, help us to be faithful to  
Him who has called us from  
darkness to light. We must be  
faithful and plow our way  
through the billows of trials  
and face the enemy on the  
front. It is our duty to take a  
stand against those who are  
wrong, even if it is our best  
friend.

## Trying to do His Best

Dear Brother Tomlinson, and  
Evangel Readers:

It is with the greatest pleas-  
ure that I write, telling you  
that I belong to the dear old  
Church of God. My member-  
ship is at Johnson City, Ill.

I am a young man, age  
twenty-three years. I started  
out last fall to preach God's  
gospel. I first held a five weeks  
revival at Evansville, Ind. There  
were nine justified, seven sanc-  
tified and six filled with the  
Holy Ghost. Shortly after that  
I returned to my home in  
Marion, Ill., where I waited the  
coming of spring.

I am saved, sanctified and  
filled with the Holy Ghost. I am  
almost blind, have secured a  
part of my education in the  
Jacksonville school, after that  
I took a course in the St. Louis  
school. I am compelled to read  
the Bible with my fingers as I  
cannot see to read with my  
eyes. I prayed many a prayer  
to get this Bible, the Lord  
granted my wishes and gave  
me power to preach His Word.

I am at the present conduct-  
ing a revival here in a Pente-  
costal mission. The saints are  
good and kind to me and I am  
trying my best with God's help  
to get them to come into the  
Church of God, where they can  
have shelter and protection. I  
want all the saints to pray for  
God to help me gain the victory.  
The powers of the evil one are  
strong here. I also want you to  
pray for my loved ones.

I am praising God because He  
picked me up and set my feet  
on the solid rock, Christ Jesus.  
Thank God forever. Just a little  
while to wait and I will see the  
new Jerusalem coming down  
from heaven and my loved ones  
I shall see face to face. We  
think it is joy when the power  
is on us and speaking in other  
tongues. In heaven it is joy un-  
speakable and full of glory. I  
want to go there, don't you?

He that endureth to the end,  
the same shall be saved. I never  
think of going back into the  
world for there is nothing to go  
back to. Praise His holy name.  
We that are of God, let us hold  
up the blood stained banner of  
Jesus Christ and meet the new  
Jerusalem that is coming down.  
This makes me feel good in my  
soul. Glory to His name. I love  
Jesus best of all and am willing  
to die for Him at any time.

Your brother in Christ,  
Jimmie McClain,  
Marion, Ill.

## Follow Peace With All Men

Dear Brother Tomlinson, and  
All the Dear Saints—Greet-  
ings in Jesus' Name:

I am praising the Lord for  
saving, sanctifying and baptiz-  
ing me with the Holy Ghost a-  
bout three months ago and I  
have been enjoying the way ever  
since. This way grows  
brighter all the time. Praise  
His name.

We are having prayer meet-  
ings three or four times a week  
and the Lord is giving some  
wonderful messages. When the  
Holy Ghost first came into this  
country, the people said it  
would soon "blow over." But  
it is still here and the Lord is  
doing a wonderful work.

The Lord has revealed to me

that He is coming soon and  
there are so many that are not  
ready for His coming. The Bible  
tells us to be ready for we know  
not the day nor the hour when  
the Son of man cometh. Let us  
live close to the Lord so that  
when He comes we can go to be  
with Him. Glory to God! I feel  
the power running over me now.  
I know my life is in His hands  
and I am doing the best I can  
to please Him. I am living as  
close to the foot of the cross as  
I can.

Some people say they cannot  
live above sin but Heb. 12:14  
says, "Follow peace with all  
men, and holiness, without  
which no man shall see the  
Lord." They also say that we  
have to sin more or less but 1  
John 2:1 says, "My little chil-  
dren, these things write I unto  
you, that ye sin not," and in 1  
John 1:6, 7, "If we say that we  
have fellowship with him, and  
walk in darkness, we lie, and  
do not the truth. But if we  
walk in the light, as he is in  
the light, we have fellowship  
one with another, and the  
blood of Jesus Christ his son  
cleanseth us from all sin." So  
we have to live above sin to  
have fellowship with Him.  
They say that means holi-  
ness folks, but they don't stop  
to think that they have to live  
just as close to the Lord to re-  
tain a justified life as the holi-  
ness people do to live a sancti-  
fied life, so when one gets saved  
and sanctified he is just fixed  
up to get the Holy Ghost or the  
Comforter to teach Him.

I was sanctified for seven  
years but since I received the  
Holy Ghost the Bible is like a  
new book and the same Scrip-  
ture seems like new words to  
me. I very often think of the  
time when the Lord gave me  
the blessed Holy Ghost, how He  
came into my life with such  
power and talked for Himself.  
I praise Him for the light He  
has brought to me. I am in the  
Church of God, the one the  
Bible tells us about, the only  
true Bible church, the one  
Christ told Peter that the gates  
of hell shall not prevail against  
it.

I want all who read the Evan-  
gel to pray for my family and  
me. We are all trusting the Lord  
for both soul and body and He  
has kept us for three months.

May God bless all the dear  
saints in my prayer.

Your brother  
Thomas Brown,  
Dodd City, Texas.

## Prayer and Faith

Dear Brother Tomlinson:

I am still praising God for  
the victory in my soul over sin  
and the devil. Bless His dear  
name! I praise God for giving  
me the Holy Ghost with the  
Bible evidence of speaking in  
other tongues as the Spirit  
gives utterance. Acts 2:4.

I thank God for the privi-  
ledge of reading the good testi-  
monies of God's children in the  
little Church of God Evangel.  
I am so thankful that I ever  
saw the light in this way and I  
do pray that I may let my light  
so shine that the world may  
see and know that I am serv-  
ing the true God and that I  
may be the cause of some poor  
lost soul turning this way.  
Glory to God!

I love to praise the Lord, He  
has done so much for me. I  
wish to offer thanks to all who  
sent up earnest prayers in be-  
half of my dear daughter.  
Your prayers have been an-  
swered for which we thank the  
great Physician who healeth all  
our diseases: God bless all of  
you.

Your sister under the blood,  
Mrs. W. R. Shaw.  
Enville, Fla.

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## REQUESTS

Martin North, Catoosa, Tenn., wants the saints to earnestly pray for the healing of his body.

John T. Brown, Derby, Ill. asks the saints to pray for his eyes to become stronger. Also pray for his wife to receive the Holy Ghost.

Addie Creseman, Graysville, Tenn., desires the saints to pray for her husband to be saved, sanctified and filled with the Holy Ghost.

A sister from Graysville, Tenn., requests the saints to pray for her mother to receive the Holy Ghost. Also pray that she may stay humble at the foot of the cross.

Alpha Maness, Magnolia, Ala., wants the saints to pray for her companion to receive the Holy Ghost and that she may stay humble and submissive at Jesus' feet.

Iva Moore, Crockett, Tex., requests the saints to pray for God to comfort them in their grief and sorrow, in the loss of their infant daughter. Also pray that they may hold out faithful to the end.

Ollie Jones, Smithville, Tenn., asks the saints to earnestly pray for her to receive the Holy Ghost. She has been seeking so long and is tempted so much. Also pray for her brother to receive the Holy Ghost.

Mrs. Viola Watson, Gunntown, Fla., wants the saints to pray for the Lord to heal her mother of chills and fever. Also for the Lord to draw her closer to him and that she may do the Lord's will at all times.

Mrs. J. R. King, Lake Wales, Fla., asks the saints to earnestly pray for the Lord to save her husband. Also pray for the Lord to give her grace and strength to bear her cross. She would like to receive letters from the saints.

Nelly A. Morris, Paris, Texas, desires the saints to pray that she may receive the Holy Ghost. Also pray for her companion to receive this great love and be a bright shining light for his children.

Mrs. J. V. Vaughn, Baxley, Ga., wants the saints to pray for her to live the life. Also pray for her unsaved husband and children. She would also like for some of God's people to come there and hold a meeting. There is a good house there to hold the meeting in. You can write her for particulars.

Ada Atkinson, Montgomery, W. Va., asks the saints to pray for her to receive the Holy Ghost and be a real overcomer for Jesus. Also pray for her father and mother to be saved. She also requests prayer for the prayer meetings and Sunday school at Pickshin, W. Va., to grow stronger and that the Lord will send more workers there.

Mrs. Hulda Fowler, Tingo, Ga., asks the saints to pray for her daughter that she may become a child of God.

Mae Garrett, Haleyville, Ala., asks the saints to pray that she may be able to stand the trials and temptations that come up before her. Also pray for her husband that he may get right with the Lord.

Mrs. L. D. Miller, Fort Payne, Ala., asks the saints to pray for her and her husband that they may enjoy the fullness of God. Also pray for the Lord to heal her little girl's eyes. She also requests that a Church of God preacher will go there to preach the gospel.

## NOTICES

We have only a few Church of God members here but have a school house to worship in and would be glad if some Church of God preacher would come here and preach for us. If any one feels led to come, write to

W. H. Swift,  
R. F. D. 2, Lafayette, Ga.

### Tennessee Districts and Overseers.

Cleveland District, J. S. Llewellyn, overseer, Cleveland, Tenn. Churches: Cleveland, South Cleveland Tabernacle, Sunnyside Mission, Earl's Grove, Grasshopper, Mt. Olive, Mineral Ridge, Kinser's Tabernacle, Union Grove.

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Each overseer is expected to look after the needs of each church in his district, to secure pastors and helpers and aid all the ministers remaining on the field as much as possible; to conduct business meetings at each church as oft as may be necessary and as outlined in previous minutes of General Assembly. No assistant pastor should assume the responsibility of holding business meetings without being authorized by the district overseer. He is also to see that each minister reports promptly and that the financial system is properly carried out as it is and may be authorized. He is expected to give special attention to the spreading of the gospel in new territories.

I want to assure each minister and church that you will have my hearty cooperation and attention. I expect to do my very best for the state of Tennessee this year.

M. W. Letsinger, overseer of Tenn.

## OBITUARIES

The death angel visited our home Oct. 31, 1920, and claimed our darling baby, age four and a half months, after six weeks illness. We trusted God to the last.

We are praising the Lord because James 4:9, 10 says, "Be afflicted, and mourn, and weep: let your laughter be turned to mourning, and your joy to heaviness. Humble yourselves in the sight of the Lord, and he shall lift you up."

George F. Moore,  
Crockett, Texas.

### Gone But Not Forgotten

The death angel visited the home of Brother and Sister A. R. Toler of East Bank, W. Va.

Oct. 27, 1920 and called home their little darling daughter.

The funeral service was conducted by their pastor, at their home and the body was laid to rest in the City cemetery to await the resurrection morning.

The bereaved have our deepest sympathy. May God comfort and bind up the broken hearts in this time of sorrow.

E. C. Smith.

The death angel visited the home of Brother and Sister Tummond of Mayo, Fla., on Sept. 12, and Oct. 18, 1920 and claimed their two little darlings, Alma, age 3 years and 7 months and baby Harry, age 1 year and 5 months.

It was hard to part with our little darlings, though we know they are at rest with Jesus and some day we will meet little Harry and Alma to part no more.

They leave to mourn their death a father and mother, two brothers and a host of relatives.

So sad it was for us to part. From ones we loved so dear; Although we know within our hearts, They did their suffering here.

No sorrow now can ever come. To our dear ones gone before; They are resting in the arms of Jesus. On that blest eternal shore.

Mama and Papa.

Uncle Andy Tidwell died Oct. 26, 1920. If he had lived until Dec. 15, he would have been 100 years old. Uncle Andy was loved by all and had a kind word for both young and old. It was a great comfort to be with him.

He never complained during his sickness and loved singing and prayer. He said he had rather live but if it were God's will for him to die, he was ready.

We have no doubts about Uncle Andy and feel assured that he is only resting and that he is one among the number that is safely across death's river. His suffering is over.

Weep not, dear ones, as those who have no hope, but live in a way that you will meet dear Uncle Andy and his Jesus will be your Jesus. He is only across the river beckoning us to come. He cannot come to us but we can safely cross over to him, if we obey our leader.

One who loved him,  
Mrs. Cassie Strall.

Mamie Varnell, daughter of Monnie Varnell, was born Oct. 22, 1897, deceased Nov. 8, 1920, age 23 years. She was married to Roy Lee, May 31, 1920.

She professed faith in Christ at the age of thirteen years, but knew nothing of holiness until she came into the home of her husband's parents. Her many friends would visit her and pray and sing with her. By this she was led into the light of holiness and some time in September was sweetly sanctified and baptized with the Holy Ghost. She continued to rejoice and praise the Lord as long as strength would permit, even to the very last.

She had a sweet disposition and every one who knew her, loved her. With the exception of leaving her husband she was perfectly resigned to go and made the statement that it is sweet to die.

She leaves a husband, her father and five brothers, two sisters and a grandmother to mourn her departure.

Her request was for Brother Tomlinson to preach her funeral. Her greatest desire to live was that she might be a light to her relatives, that they might be brought to the Lord, those who knew not God.

F. J. Lee.

### Gone But Not Forgotten

On Oct. 18, 1920, the death angel visited our home and claimed our little son, Dougless Winfield Darville, age 8 years, 5 months and 5 days. We miss him very much but our loss is heaven's gain.

He was sick thirty-eight days and mother's hands did all that could be done and we trusted the Lord to the last but it was His will to take him. He was not afraid to die and said, "Good-bye mama, don't fret for I am saved and my foundation is sure."

He leaves to mourn his death

a father, mother, five brothers, three sisters and a host of relatives and friends.

The funeral service was conducted by Brother Lockhart Moree.

We expect to meet little Dougless on the other shore, on the shining portals of glory, where there will never be any more sad partings.

The golden gates were opened wide, And a gentle voice said come; The angels from the other shore, Welcomed little Dougless home.

His father,  
Lawrence R. Darville,  
Bight, Long Island, Bahamas.

### From the Battlefield

Brother F. J. Crowder of Max Meadows and Sister Clara Mabe, our pastor, have just closed a nineteen days meeting. The Lord wonderfully blessed. Ten were saved, eleven sanctified, ten received the Holy Ghost, seven were added to the church and nine followed the Lord in water baptism. There was shouting, dancing and talking in tongues. Messages were given and interpreted. The Lord's supper and feet washing was observed, reports Emma Wilson.

Have just closed a three weeks meeting at Graysville, Tenn. The Lord wonderfully blessed from the first service until the last. The altar was filled with seekers most every service. About thirty were saved, twenty-five sanctified, twenty-five received the Holy Ghost, twelve followed the Lord in water baptism and twenty-one were added to the great Church of God and some were reclaimed. The saints were built up in faith. The whole church seemed to move forward to higher heights and deeper depths, reports L. L. Turner.

We have just closed a three weeks meeting in Nashville, Tenn. The Lord was with us from the beginning and gave us great victory. Seven were saved, eight sanctified and six were baptized with the Holy Ghost for we heard them speak with tongues. Seven followed the Lord in water baptism and nine were added to the church. A sister was wonderfully healed. She had been taken before a board of about fifty doctors and they told her that she could not live twenty-four hours but she was healed by the power of God. She is now sanctified and added to the church and is now seeking the Holy Ghost, reports T. A. Richard, pastor.

Sim's, Long Island, Bahamas  
Dear Brother Tomlinson—  
Greetings in the Dear Name of Jesus:

We have just closed a weeks meeting. The dear Lord wonderfully blessed us. The saints laughed, shouted, danced and talked in tongues, they seemed to be wonderfully revived.

We observed the Lord's supper and feet washing and had a glorious time. The leader of the church in Sims said it was the happiest time in his life.

Sunday afternoon I was asked to go five miles north of Sims and hold a meeting, so about ten saints and I went far back in the woods, to a place called Anderson's Long Island. Some of the saints grew tired as it was an awful rocky road, it looked to me like the worst I had ever seen. I was thinking what would happen as we were going to almost a barbarous place where the gospel had never been preached before and I knew if the road looked so badly in the day time that it would be worse at night, but some were looking on the bright side and wondering how many were coming to the altar.

We reached the place where we were to hold the meeting and began singing the sweet songs. The people commenced to crowd the room, so the owner of the house took out his furniture to accommodate us and the people. After the testimony service was over and the Word was given, we made the altar call. Quite a number was under conviction, one was saved, two sanctified and two received the Holy Ghost with the

evidence of speaking in tongues.

I thank the dear Lord for providing a place for me to stay while at Sims.

Your unworthy brother,  
Lawrence R. Darville.

A ten days meeting has closed, Brother Burk in charge. The Lord wonderfully blessed him in preaching the Word. One was sanctified and filled with the Holy Ghost and the saints were edified. Nine messages were given with interpretations. Praise God, I am glad I am in the Church of God.

E. M. Mead,  
Sherwin, Kans.

A four weeks meeting was held at Ft. Lauderdale, Fla. It was a hard fight but the Lord gave the victory. Twenty-three were saved and sanctified, twenty-one followed the Lord in water baptism and twenty-two were added to the church. Many are looking this way.

We request prayers that we may continue as instruments in His hands.

J. H. Curry and A. H. Smith,  
evangelists.

Brothers Mitchell and Underwood have closed a successful series of meetings a few miles from Cairo, Ga., in which the dear Lord wonderfully blessed. Quite a large number were saved, sanctified and filled with the Holy Ghost and the church was set in order with about thirty members. There was much opposition but the Lord was with us.

S. T. Goza.

Brother Geo. T. Brouayer, overseer of state, set a church in order at Willisburg, Ky., Oct. 9, with nine members and twelve were added later. The dedication service was held on Sunday and \$300 were contributed and pledged. Pray that the Church will rise and shine above all opposing powers.

Addie Hendrix.

We closed a meeting some time ago at Douglasville, Ga. One was saved, sanctified and filled with the Holy Ghost, another man sanctified and filled with the Holy Ghost, and one was reclaimed and filled with the Holy Ghost. The work is doing fine at Douglasville.

Fannie Duncan.

Revival meeting closed at Lone Elm, Texas. We had a great time. Several were saved, reclaimed or sanctified and about eleven or twelve received the Holy Ghost. Thirteen followed the Lord in water baptism and thirteen were added to the Church of God. We had the Lord's supper and feet washing.

The meeting was conducted by Brother G. G. Asher and wife and Brother Tom McLendon with other good workers, and least of all myself.

Maggie Ely.

### Recommendation

I want to say through the little Evangel that the Church of God song book compiled by Brothers E. Haynes and M. S. Lemons is the best. I am a singing teacher and I know it is the best that I have ever seen. May God bless all who had anything to do with it.

I recommend the Church of God song book to every one as the book they need for these last days.

Yours in Jesus,  
W. A. Capshaw.

I want to buy a cheap tent and want it on time. Also want a Church of God man to go with me.

G. W. Rakestraw,  
Marietta, Ga.

Has Found the Right Way  
Greetings to All the Saints:

I thank God for sanctifying and filling me with the blessed Holy Ghost. I am so glad that I ever found Jesus true and that I now love Him. Bless His dear name! I have had the Holy Ghost three years and the way gets brighter each day.

I thank God for sending Brother Rush here. He brought the true light to Hickory Hill. When I was seeking for the Holy Ghost I could not sleep at night. I could smell flesh burning and it almost strangled me.

I saw Noah's ark with the people in it, and the judgment of Sodom. One night I saw Christ standing at the foot of my bed at the right hand side. He was dressed in white woollen clothes and standing straight, Glory to God, I prayed and searched the Word until I found the right way. I have loved the dear old Church of God ever since I received the Holy Ghost. Thank God, I belong to the church without spot or wrinkle or any such thing.

I want all of the brothers and sisters to pray that God will bless our little church at Hickory Hill and pray that God will wake up the people here to the Word.

Your sister under the blood,  
Maud Clark.  
Mt. Pleasant, Tex.

### A Glorious Time

Dear Evangel Family:

I am glad I am a member of the Church of God. I am saved, sanctified and have the baptism of the Holy Ghost. Praise God!

I want to win souls for Him. I live at Racine, Ky. We have cottage prayer meetings. During the meeting last night, the organ was played under the power by a small child. We had a glorious time. The power was so great that one could hardly be still.

I want all of you to pray for me. The Lord has called me to His work. I want to obey. I want to go out into the high ways and hedges and raise the fallen.

Mrs. Stephen Wendall.

### Victory

Dear Brother Tomlinson, and Dear Saints Everywhere:

I am glad to report victory in my soul. Glory to the name of our blessed Saviour.

I am praising Him for the dear old Church of God and because I am one of them. I am glad I am dead to the things of this old world, they are no pleasure to me. Praise the Lord.

I feel that the Lord has a work for me to do and I am praying for Him to open up the way for me to go out into His work. My desire and prayer is to go back to my old home in Arkansas and tell my father and brothers about the Church of God, the strait and narrow way that leads from earth to eternal glory.

Your humble sister for the church and her teachings,  
Della Clark,  
Mt. Pleasant, Tex.

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Dear Brother Tomlinson, and

All the Saints Everywhere:

I am praising the Lord this morning for the full armour of God. I love the Church of God and am glad that I am a true blue saint of the Church of God and by the grace of God I expect to live right. Praise the Lord!

I praise the Lord for the saving, sanctifying and the Holy Ghost power. Hallelujah! It is so sweet to trust in Jesus and live close to Him every day.

Brother Tomlinson's message in the Evangel of Sept. 25th, "Some Mysterious Mysteries of Many Hidden Things," may be known by members of the Lord's church. Hallelujah. I have felt these things but couldn't explain them. But I praise the Lord that we have some one who can explain them. I have felt something ahead of us, I had a vision of the Lord hanging on the cross. It came before me three times.

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## COMMUNICATING WITH THE DEAD

Homer A. Tomlinson

One is startled at the great wave of popular interest within the past year in Spiritualism. Every magazine in the country has devoted large space to discuss the possibilities of communicating with the dead. Perhaps the war made the fact of death a present reality to millions of human beings.

Men of world renowned scientists and thinkers have been investigating it. The list includes Sir Oliver Lodge, William Barrett, Sir William Crookes and Prof. William James. In every city in the country meetings are being held, and people of the high and low are endeavoring to prove to their own satisfaction, whether or not they can actually get word from the dead. Some do it sincerely, while perhaps the majority look into it more for curiosity.

There are many fakes and charlatans, trading by fraud on the credulity of the public, while other mediums have all the semblance of being able to establish some sort of communication between the living and the dead. In this connection you will recall immediately King Saul's visit to the witch of Endor, where he got in touch with Samuel, the prophet. You will also recall that the witch of Endor was condemned by the Hebrew law, because she was a witch.

Then there is the ouija board that has been a veritable craze. At the University of Michigan, where there are more than five thousand students, the faculty had to rule that no ouija board could be kept in the dormitories because the students were actually going wild about them—according to a recent newspaper item.

This article does not concern itself about whether or not the ouija board ever told anything—or whether messages which supposed mediums gave out—ever mean anything to anybody. Some people come out and say there is absolutely nothing in it, and others who are apparently men and women of equal intelligence, but credulous, believe anything.

There is something about the messages that are supposed to have come from the dead that seem so trivial from all general appearance as to be meaningless—and thus reflect somewhat upon the intelligence of departed spirits, if indeed they do come from departed spirits. For example, a person goes to a medium and the sole message he is supposed to get is something like this: "On Dec. 16, 1889, I bought a copy of Pilgrim's Progress, wrote my name in the front and sent it to my cousin in San Francisco." If, on investigation, it is found that he did do this, what good will that knowledge be? Of course it might be used as evidence that departed spirits can talk. But what evidence have we that whatever the departed spirit may say thereafter is authentic.

After reading a large number of what are termed scientific reports regarding the spiritualism theory, I can't see that spiritualism in any form has been of any service whatsoever. Of course you are anxious to know whether the fathers and the mothers, husbands and the wives, the children, the loving and beloved friends, all those who once made your lives rich and beautiful—are still living somewhere, still thinking of you. But, brethren, the Bible gives us the answer to it all. We know from the blessed Book that we shall never die. We know that when the last trumpet shall sound, we shall live again—those of us who taste death.

The people who are worried about Spiritualism, and are always going to seances are people who don't believe the Bible. But after they have turned the Bible down their souls cry out for something—they know not what. Of course they will wander into Spiritualism and into what they wish to speak of in high sounding terms, whereas, what their poor lean soul

should cry out for is just the simple story of the Bible.

I have a sister, a beautiful loving sister who crossed the great divide a few short weeks ago. I cannot talk with her now, although I should love to, but I am not worried. I know I shall see her again and know her. I do not have to go to some so called medium to find out if she lives somewhere out in the spirit world. I know she does because she has eternal life.

Yes, it would be interesting to know what it is like in the spirit world. I wish I knew. I wish I knew precisely what form we would be in. But all I know is told in the blessed Book. You can find it there, and perhaps have already. Of course we can't say just how it is with the wicked. Still we have the story of Lazarus and the rich man. Jesus said to the thief on the cross, "This day shalt thou be with me in paradise." Does it not therefore appear that our loved ones who died in the Lord are with Jesus already in paradise—wherever and whatever that is?

**Satan Always Has a Counterfeit**  
Moreover, in everything Satan always has a counterfeit, as Jannes and Jambres withstood Moses. But also just as Jannes and Jambres could go only so far, so these spiritualistic mediums go only so far.

But look where we Pentecostal people go! Hardly do we have a service but the voice of the Lord is heard in tongues and interpretation. God's people under the power of the Holy Ghost. So we can hear from "Over There" by His Spirit which is given unto us. And we find all the satisfaction we want without consulting the witch of Endor, any of the mediums or seances, ouija boards, or fortune tellers. The Holy Ghost takes the things of the Father and shows them unto us.

Spiritualism is no new thing. Inquisitive mortals have tampered with it ever since history began. But it is certainly noticeable that as soon as the Lord pours out His blessed Spirit in an unusual way Satan begins his spiritualistic propaganda.

It was true in the time of Moses, Samuel, Peter and Paul, Martin Luther, the Wesleys, and now in the past few years when hundreds of thousands have been receiving the baptism with the Holy Ghost, with miracles and signs and wonders. Satan has hundreds of thousands of other men and women wasting their time, and their thought and energy on something, the accomplishment of which, if it could be accomplished, would get them nowhere.

You and I should rejoice because we have the real blessing—communication with Jesus through the Holy Ghost instead of trusting in tableappings, strange lights in the dark, and other things usually ludicrous. We have found the true form of communication and we know in whom we have believed. When we hear the voice from heaven we rejoice, rather than cringe and shudder as do those who, like Saul, visit the witch of Endor.

Any way you look at it, we Pentecostal people have the best of it—since we are willing to speak in tongues in the power of the Spirit and give interpretations. The kind of communication from beyond that accomplishes something, saves souls, and guides us in this life, cheers us, draws us deeper into God—makes everybody take note that we have been with God.

## MY EXPERIENCE WITH REAL DEMONS

E. L. Pinkley

Several years ago, wife and I were called to a certain home to spend the night. There were two families living in the same house. A man and his wife lived upstairs and a man and his wife down stairs. Wife and I were sleeping down stairs and about two o'clock in the morning we were aroused by the screams of a woman saying, "Lord, send your children to my rescue." We got up and dressed and soon found it was the woman up stairs. Then wife and I and the people we

were staying with went up stairs to see what was the matter. The husband of the woman told us his wife had been raving and it was plain to be seen. She had torn her own clothes off and also her husband but when we got up there we found her perfectly quiet and apparently nothing the matter, but we went on our knees and asked God to stir up the spirit and give us power to cast it out. Now when we had prayed a short while, the woman arose and started for me with a very angry look as if she would tear me to pieces. The power of the Holy Ghost came on me to fight the spirit so in the name of Jesus I rebuked the spirit and she stopped at once, but the more we prayed the more the spirit got stirred. As God was using me to fight the spirits, the others just prayed and asked God to give me power to deliver her.

I can't take the space to tell you all but will give you a short sketch of what happened. I pled the blood of Jesus and called on Him for help. The demons would speak out through the woman and say, "Who is Jesus?" I would call on Jesus for power and the demon would call for power from Jesus. I would rebuke him in Jesus' name and he would quit for a short time but would rise again. After a hard fight for three hours the demon said, "If you will turn me loose I will turn the woman loose," but I would just rebuke him. He finally spoke out and said, "You are tormenting me." I commanded him in the name of Jesus to hold his peace and come out. He let the woman go and she began shouting and talking in tongues.

The Holy Spirit told me to get her out of the room at once. We took her down stairs and we were sitting there talking about our victory and forgot that the Lord wanted us to praise Him.

Suddenly the woman who was delivered jumped and ran into another room just like one crazy and began to hold the door against something. At that instant I saw the demon come down stairs and go into the opposite room and I ran to the door and held it against him. I could see the demon just as plain as I could see any one. He was trying to get into the room and we prayed and wrestled with the dark beast of a thing, it tried to get in every door and window where we were. The woman who was delivered and myself could see it but the other saints could not. All it seemed to want was to get to the woman who had been delivered. Finally it seemed to disappear but suddenly the woman screamed and said, "There comes one." I looked down and down the lane I saw a demon coming, it was grinning and all it seemed to want was the woman.

We asked God to move every one of the spirits from the house and off the farm, now as this spirit or demon came close Jesus appeared. I could see Him plain, He took the demon and seemed to open an iron door in the earth and put it down in there, then He shut the door and put His foot on it and at this instant the woman cried and said, "There is another one coming," and so we asked Jesus to bind it. He took it and did the same that He did with the other one. The woman cried and said, "There comes another one." I looked and saw it and when it got to Jesus, He took it and seemed to put it in the pit which He had opened in the ground, where he had put the other two. After this Jesus advanced to the house, then a demon came out from the upstairs window, came down to the window on the outside and began trying to get in where we were. It seemed as if they had to come where Jesus was, to do anything. Jesus seemed to just put a short chain on him and hold him with perfect ease. At once there was another one that came out from the same place and Jesus seemed to put a chain on it and hold it with the other one, another came and He put a chain on it. After this a larger one than any of the others came out and began to pry up the window and tried to get in at the door, we were calling on

God. The power of the evil spirits was so strong in the room where we were that my wife was slain under it for a short while until we could get a chance to pray for her.

This last demon seemed to have a short piece of chain on its neck already and Jesus took it and held it by the chain with the other three and they tried hard to get loose from Him but He held them with ease. He took them to the pit where He had put the others and put them in and put a lock on it.

It was now after daylight and when Jesus put them in the pit it was made known to me that the large one that came out last with the chain on, was the one we had cast out of the woman up stairs but had not gotten it bound. So when they were all bound by the Lord Jesus it just seemed like heaven was turned loose. There was dancing, shouting, talking in tongues and wonderful victory.

The people who lived there began confessing and each of the four confessed to being fornicators. They had all committed fornication and God forgave them so, of course, we did. They are now out in the vineyard working for the Lord, the men are preaching the gospel and the women are helping and making faithful soldiers of the cross. But, listen, they all professed to have the baptism of the Holy Ghost while this was going on but God had overtaken them and they saw their need of deliverance. They were not in any church at the time and despised government, but to-day they have the government that makes folks clean up.

This may seem strange to some but I have no doubt but there are thousands of cases similar to this and the judgment will reveal it. I wouldn't take any price for my experience as I see God wants us clean. This all came from a loose haphazard way of doing business but I thank God for the government of the Church of God that cleans folks up and if we live close enough to Him, He will make known to us His will.

As I have said, this may look like foolishness to some but to the true child of God who is baptized with the Holy Ghost, to them I am sure it is no new thing to hear people talk of seeing demons and Jesus.

This is just one of many experiences I have had in my eight years of experience with the Holy Ghost. Many times Satan visits my bed at night, I have to rise and pray and rebuke him. He is wide awake and trying the elect of God more. We must watch and pray and be sure and read Gal. 5:19-21, and don't be deceived, for the time is coming that will try every one. Satan is working hard in these days so let us be able to know him, even though he come as an angel of light.

## Praises God for Blessings

Dear Brother Tomlinson:  
I am praising God through the Evangel for saving, sanctifying and giving me the blessed Holy Ghost and because I am a member of the dear old Church of God and for the blessings He gives me every day. Praise God. The Lord is calling me out in the work and I want all the saints who read this to pray for me.

A brother who loves the way,  
T. T. Kephart,  
White Bluff, Tenn.

## Campaign, Tenn

Dear Evangel Family:  
I am glad to report victory in my soul just now. I am saved from every sin, sanctified through the precious blood of Jesus, baptized with the Holy Ghost and a member of the great Church of God and love her dearly.

I am a little girl only thirteen years of age but I am so glad Jesus said, "Suffer little children, and forbid them not, to come unto me: for of such is the kingdom of heaven." So I mean to do my best for Jesus and shine for him in this life so when this life is over I can have a home in heaven. Pray that I may hold out faithful to the end.

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Dear Brother Tomlinson, and All the dear Saints—Greetings in Jesus' Dear Name:  
I am praising the Lord for full and free salvation, and for the dear old Church of God and her teachings.

I started out some time ago to go all the way with Jesus. I want to get humble every day. I can't praise the Lord enough for sanctifying and filling me with the Holy Ghost. I am here in the wilderness but there is one with me who never fails.

Pray that I will get humble and that my father and brothers will turn before it is too late.

Your sister under the blood,  
Ruth Steedley.

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I am glad this evening still finds me saved, sanctified and the Holy Ghost still abides. Praise His dear name.

I am so glad that Jesus loved me so well that He gave His precious life for every one that would receive Him. I am glad I ever walked in the way of holiness for it is a sweet way. I have been in this way over five years and I have never grown tired of it yet, but the way grows brighter and sweeter every day. I am glad I am a member of the Church of God and I am looking for Jesus to soon come back to catch away His waiting bride.

Please pray that I may endure to the end.

Your sister in Christ,  
Verda McElyea  
Lepante, Ark.

## Alone When He Received Holy Ghost

To all the Dear Saints—Greetings in Jesus' Dear Name.  
I thank God for salvation above sin. Praise God! It is sweet to know the Lord and to know we are saved from sin. Praise God! I am glad I ever heard holiness and went down and sought the sweet Holy Ghost. I received Him speaking in tongues as in Acts 2:4. I was by myself when the Lord baptized me with the Holy Ghost. I praise God for that sweet peace I have in my soul tonight and I pray that God will fill every hungry soul with the same love that I have.

I want all the saints to pray that all the holiness people will come together. If all of us will pray for the same thing and believe, God will answer. Also pray for me and my wife to stand true till Jesus comes or calls. I am looking for Him soon.

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